

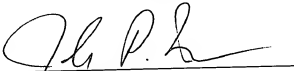
**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the withdrawal of finality and the indication that claims 37, 38, 51 and 53-56 are allowable. Without acquiescing in any rejection, applicants have canceled claims 45 and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and applicants respectfully reserve all rights to such subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48 and 52 to correct the clarity issues noted by the examiner. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 37-44 and 46-56 will be pending. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification, including page 4, line 28 to page 5, line 2 (concerning core structures) and pages 15-17 (concerning peptide synthesis).

***Request***

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request favorable consideration to that effect. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 912-2000 should there be any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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